



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held June 19, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“On Tuesday, June 12, 2007, this Board received a verbal report from the Director of Health Services and the Chief Executive Officer of Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital regarding investigators’ findings of numerous violations of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act and a finding of ‘immediate jeopardy’ by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the State regarding patient treatment in the hospital occurring in February and May of this year. At that time, we had not received the ‘immediate jeopardy’ letter from CMS—we have now.”

Therefore, on recommendation of Supervisor Molina, Dr. Bruce A. Chernof, Director of Health Services (DHS), and Antionette Smith-Epps, Chief Executive Officer, Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor (MLK-Harbor) Hospital, presented the attached report to the Board on the status of the State and Federal investigations of MLK-Harbor, including a report on the latest “immediate jeopardy” letter from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, DHS responses, timelines, the corrective action process, changes made at the hospital, next steps, and implications of these findings. Sharon Grigsby, Chief Network Officer, Department of Health Services, and Miguel Ortiz-Marquinn, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, also responded to questions posed by the Board.

Kathy Ochoa and Joshua Rutkoff, representing SEIU Local 721, Annie Park, representing the Community Health Councils, Dr. Genevieve Clavreul, Chris Edwards, and other interested persons also addressed the Board.

After discussion, no action was taken by the Board.

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Attachment

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Each Supervisor  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Director of Health Services